

are virtuous and modest, and no half-breeds with whites exist. The mother of a half-breed would be put to death.<sup>1</sup> The Tehuelches of Patagonia pay great attention to decency. They do not like to see children naked.<sup>2</sup> The Indians of northern Nicaragua think that whites do not bathe enough. They always retire to running water, and are disgusted with whites for not taking that care.<sup>3</sup>

468. Bathing. Customs of nudity. The natives of Rotuma never bathe without the loin cloth. To do so is thought low conduct.<sup>4</sup> The people of Ponape rise early and bathe, the sexes always separating unless married.<sup>5</sup> Bock<sup>6</sup> says that the Dyaks, without hesitation, threw off their garments and bathed in the presence of himself and Malays, the sexes together. The sexes of the Yuroks in California bathe apart and the women never go into the sea without some garment.<sup>7</sup> The women of the Mandans had a bathing place. Armed sentinels were set to prevent men from approaching it.<sup>8</sup> In Hindostan the sexes now bathe together at certain times and places with very little clothing. Wilkins<sup>9</sup> says, "I have never seen the slightest impropriety of gesture on these occasions."\* Although at an earlier period some clothing was worn in bed, in the fourteenth and fifteenth

centuries, in Europe, both sexes slept nude. Better beds and separate bed clothes led to this custom, because it was such a relief to take off woolen and fur worn in the daytime. Then nudity became familiar, and the concealment taboo was broken down.<sup>10</sup> The cities were soon compelled to pass ordinances forbidding any one to appear on the streets nude.<sup>11</sup> In Denmark the historian tells us that people slept naked because linen was dear, and that the custom lasted into the seventeenth century. In the sixteenth century nobles began to wear nightshirts.<sup>12</sup> Upon the entry of kings into cities, until the sixteenth century, mythological subjects were represented in the streets by nude women.<sup>13</sup> From the

<sup>1</sup> *Bur. EthnoL*, V, 479. 5

Pereiro, *La Isla de Ponape*, 112.

<sup>2</sup> Ratzel, *Volkerkunde*, II, 663. 6

*Reis in Borneo*, 39.

<sup>3</sup> *Globus*, LXXVIII, 272. 7

Powers, *Calif. Indians*, 55.

\* JAL, XXVII, 410. \*

*Smitkson. Ref.*, 1885, Part II, 86.

<sup>^</sup>*Hinduism*, 219.

<sup>1°</sup> Weinhold, *D. F.*, II, 259;

Schultz, *Hof. Leben*, II, 168.

<sup>11</sup> Scherr, *D. F. W.*, I, 191. 12

Lund, *Norges Historic*, II, 246, 380.

<sup>13</sup> Scherr, *D. F. W.*, I, 191.